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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Mail Stop RCE Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Application No.:</td> <td>09/700,367</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Filing Date:</td> <td>November 16, 2000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>First Named Inventor:</td> <td>KARER et al.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Confirmation No.:</td> <td>6131</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Group Art Unit:</td> <td>1764</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Examiner:</td> <td>A. D. Neckel</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Docket No.:</td> <td>DE000003</td> </tr> </table>	Application No.:	09/700,367	Filing Date:	November 16, 2000	First Named Inventor:	KARER et al.	Confirmation No.:	6131	Group Art Unit:	1764	Examiner:	A. D. Neckel	Docket No.:	DE000003
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<p>This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.</p> <p><small>NOTE: Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.</small></p>															

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief and/or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of - months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The following fees in the total amount of **\$ 790.00** are herewith paid by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed):
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Suspension of action fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.103 and 1.17(i))
- iv. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ - enclosed to cover the following fees:
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- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Suspension of action fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.103 and 1.17(i))
- iv. ☐ Other _____
- c. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including Extension of Time fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 14.1437. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed herewith.

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